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WEEKLY RECAP

Appropriations	The House Committee on Appropriations passed the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies bill with a vote of 30-21 on May 22nd.
Hearings	
May 21 st	The House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing, “The Need for Resilience: Preparing America’s Transportation Infrastructure for Climate Change.” More information is available [HYPERLINK "https://science.house.gov/hearings/the-need-for-resilience-preparing-americas-transportation-infrastructure-for-climate-change"].
May 21 st	House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing, “Undermining Mercury Protections: EPA Endangers Human Health and the Environment.” More information is available [HYPERLINK "https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-undermining-mercury-protections-epa-endangers-human-health"].
May 21 st	The Senate Committee on Agriculture held a hearing, “Climate Change and the Agriculture Sector.” More information is available [HYPERLINK "https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/hearings/climate-change-and-the-agriculture-sector"].
May 21 st	The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources “Full Committee Hearing to Examine Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Efforts in the U.S.” More information is available [HYPERLINK "https://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings-and-business-meetings?ID=F6E96EF9-BCCB-443B-A8C4-A0E93E2C830F"].
May 22 nd	The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works held a hearing, “Examining Legislation to Address the Risks Associated with PFAS.” More information is available [HYPERLINK "https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=7F34804C-952F-4F16-BDE3-C60DBD57F5E3"].
May 23 rd	The House Select Committee on Climate Crisis held a hearing, “Creating a Climate Resilient America.” More information is available [HYPERLINK "https://climatecrisis.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/creating-climate-resilient-america"].
Meetings	
May 21 st	OCIR held a phone call with staff for Senator Toomey (R-PA).
May 22 nd	RA Greg Sopkin of Region 8 and OCIR met with Rep. Simpson (ID-02) and Rep. Tipton (CO-03).



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May 22nd RA Greg Sopkin of Region 8 and OCIR met with Senator Daines (R-MT), Tester (D-MT), and Gardner (R-CO). They also met with staff for Senator Cramer (R-ND) and Senator Bennet (D-CO).

May 22nd RA Hladick of Region 10 and OCIR met with Senators Sullivan (R-AK) and Murkowski (R-AK).

May 22nd RA Hladick of Region 10 and OCIR met with Rep. Fulcher (ID-01), Rep. Walden (OR-02), and Rep. Kilmer (WA-06).

May 22nd Agency officials met with Rep. Lipinski (IL-03) to discuss environmental concerns surrounding Bubbly Creek.

May 22nd OCIR held a technical assistance phone call with Rep. Kildee (MI-05) on groundwater testing.

LOOK-A-HEAD

The House and Senate are both in recess for the week of May 31st.

STORIES OF INTEREST

CONGRESS:

- ANWR fight not over for Democrats in Congress [HYPERLINK
"https://www.alaskapublic.org/2019/05/22/anwr-fight-not-over-for-democrats-in-congress/"]
- Shaheen includes \$10M for PFAS study in NDAA [HYPERLINK
"https://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20190523/shaheen-secures-10m-for-pfas-health-study"]
- Oil companies join blitz for carbon tax [HYPERLINK
"https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/445100-oil-companies-join-blitz-for-carbon-tax"]